GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4433
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2001
MID-DAY MEAL
AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA;GANGASANDRA SIDDAPPA BASAVARAJ;GOWDAR MALLIKARJUNAPPA;IQBAL AHMED SARADGI;MONI KUMAR SUBBA

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide cooked meals to the schools children under the Mid Day Meal Scheme (asper the Supreme Court directives in this regard;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of States that have so far implemented the directives;

(d) whether some State Governments have submitted project proposals to the Union Government for implementation of the scheme;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a), (b) & (c). The Supreme Court in its interimorder dated 28.11.2001 in WP(C)-196/2001 filed by People's Union forCivil Liberties have directed the States/UTs to implement Mid Day Meal programme with a prepared mid day meal with a minimum content of 300 calories and 8-12 grams of protein each day of school for a minimum of 200 days. Those Governments providing dry rations instead of cooked meals must within three months start providing cooked meals in all Govt. and Govt. aided Primary Schools in all half the Districts of the State (in order of poverty) and must within a further period of three months extend the provision of cooked meals to the remaining parts of the State.

(d). No, Sir.

(e) & (f). Questions do not arise.